placed in the same position as other descriptions of landed property, in regard to their future succession and transmission ; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

Regulation VI of 1831 not to apply to enfranchised service-inams.

1. All hereditary village or other service inams, falling hitherto exclusively under the cognizance of the officers of Government in the Revenue Department, under the provisions of Regulation VI of 1831 [1] which have been or shall be enfranchised from the condition of service by the Inam Commissioner, or other officer acting under the sanction of [2] [the State Government], shall be exempt from the operation of the aforesaid Regulation.

Evidence of enfranchisement.

2. The title-deed issued by the Inam Commissioner or other officer duly authorized or an authenticated extract from the register of the Commissioner or other officer, shall be deemed sufficient proof of the enfranchisement of the land previously held on service tenure.

Act not to have retrospective effect.

3. Provided that nothing in this Act shall be construed as authorizing any Court of Civil Judicature to call into question decisions affecting any service inams which may have been already passed by revenue officers acting under the provisions of Regulation VI of 1831 [1] prior to the enfranchisement of such inams.

MADRAS ACT No. I OF 1867. [3]

[THE MADRAS GENERAL CLAUSES ACT, 1867.]

[*15th February 1867* ; *21st March 1867*.]

An Act to shorten the language used in Acts of the Governor of Fort St. George in Council, and to make certain provisions relating thereto.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to enact once for all certain definitions of terms usually employed in the Acts of the

[1] Regulation VI of 1831 has been repealed except in the Scheduled Districts by the Madras Hereditary Village Offices Act, 1895 (Mad. Act III of 1895).

[2] The words "the Provincial Government" were substituted for the word "Government" by the Adaptation Order of 1937 and the word "State" was substituted for "Provincial" by the Adaptation Order of 1950.

[3] This Act does not apply to any Act passed after 1st January 1892—*see* Madras General Clauses Act, 1891 (Mad. Act I of 1891), *s.* 2.

The Act has been extended by a notification under section 5 of the Scheduled Districts Act, 1874, to the Bhadrachalam and Nugur taluks of the Godavari Agency—*see Fort St. George Gazette*, 1930, Pt. I, p. 553.

Governor of Fort St. George in Council, and to make certain other provisions regarding such Acts ; It is enacted as follows :—

Meaning of words defined in Penal and Criminal Procedure Codes.

1. Whenever, in any future Act of the Governor of Fort St. George in Council, any word or expression shall be employed which has been defined in Chapter II of the Indian Penal Code, or in Chapter I of the Code of Criminal Procedure,[1] such word or expression shall be taken to have the meaning assigned to it in those chapters, unless it be otherwise provided by the Act, or unless there be something either in the subject or context repugnant to such construction.

"Magistrate of Police."

2. *First.*—The words "Magistrate of Police" shall denote any person exercising the powers of a Magistrate of Police within the local limits of the ordinary original civil jurisdiction of the High Court of Judicature at Madras for the time being.

"Town of Madras."

Second.—The words "Town of Madras" shall denote such places as are within the local limits for the time being of the ordinary original civil jurisdiction of the High Court of Judicature at Madras.

Repeal of Act not to revive laws repealed thereby.

3. Where any Act, repealing in whole or in part any former enactment, is itself repealed, such last repeal shall not revive the enactment, or any of the provisions thereof, before repealed, unless words be added reviving such enactment or provisions.

Matters prior to repeal unaffected.

4. The repeal of any Act or Regulation shall not affect any act which shall have been done, or any offence which shall have been committed, or any fine or penalty which shall have been incurred, or any proceedings which shall have been commenced, before the repealing Act shall have come into operation.

Commencement of future Acts.

5. Where in any future Act of the Governor of Fort St. George in Council no time is mentioned at which the same shall come into operation, such Act shall take effect from such date as the [2] [State Government] may notify by publication in the [3] [Official Gazette].

6 & 7. [*Judicial notice of Madras Acts*: *recital of public fact to be prima facie evidence of its truth.*] *Rep. by the Repealing and Amending Act*, 1874 (*XVI of* 1874).

Short title.

8. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Madras General Clauses Act, 1867.

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[1] *See* Central Act V of 1898.

[2] The words "Provincial Government" were substituted for the words "Governor in Council" by the Adaptation Order of 1937 and the word "State" was substituted for "Provincial" by the Adaptation Order of 1950.

[3] These words were substituted for the words "*Fort St. George Gazette*" by the Adaptation Order of 1937.